Plans to keep the AMA Museum

The **Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation** has embarked on a new two-pronged approach to assure a healthy future for the AMA Museum.

First, an annual fund raising campaign has been launched to raise money for the museum's operating fund and as part of the campaign a survey has been sent to all on our mailing list asking for input on the future of our museum in Fort Defiance.

Second, a Virginia-based business, Manfield Fundraising, has been hired to conduct a feasibility study focusing on a consolidated museum featuring the AMA and **Fishburne Military School** archives and artifact collections. **Staunton Military Academy** also has been invited to participate in this venture as have other military academies, past and present, in the Shenandoah Valley and beyond.

"The plan has two fronts," said **Blaine Clarke, '72**, the AMA Foundation Chairman. *"As always, our first priority is to promote the well being of the AMA Museum in Fort Defiance. We are hoping for an enthusiastic response to the letter and survey. We need our membership, our alumni and friends, to share their viewpoints."* Clarke urges everyone who received his letter and survey to complete the survey and return it. (If your dog ate your copy of the survey, ask for another at: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.com)

"We are on a mission to create a plan for our future," Clarke says. *"We want to be sure that the Board's vision is in agreement with our alumni. As an alumnus, your input is needed now as never before."* This is where the feasibility study comes in. Given the rate we are losing alumni and their financial support, investigating avenues for lengthening the life of the museum is a board responsibility.

"There is the potential for us to extend the life of the AMA Museum," says Clarke. *"Engaging in this study does not mean that we intend to prematurely close the operations at Fort Defiance in favor of joining FMS, SMA or any other entity. It means rather that we are taking a hard look at our future and investigating all possible means for extending the life of our museum and AMA's legacy."*

Read Chairman Clarke's complete statement on pages 16-17

A new look at the 2016 AMA Reunion

The 2016 reunion will have a new look with many new features! In addition to golf and the Sporting Clay Shoot, there will be a small bore rifle match at Fishburne. Back by popular demand is the fantastic barbecue lunch on Saturday. Once again we are invited to SMA's annual reunion dance and the Silent Auction will be run during the Saturday lunch. The board and annual membership meetings are given nearly four hours on Saturday morning after comments that there was not enough time for alumni input in past years.

Vietnam KIAs honored at reunion

There will be a sit down dinner on Thursday evening at the Club at Ironwood and an optional tour of Fishburne on Friday with lunch served in the FMS Mess Hall.

Overarching all reunion activities is a salute to veterans of the Vietnam War, whether or not they served in country. The names of the AMA Vietnam War KIAs will be read during the Founder's Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery. AMA, SMA and FMS Vietnam vets and any other veterans in attendance will be honored during the Saturday lunch in the AMA Gym.

AMA Alumni President **LTC Steve Trent, `70**, said that *"we have streamlined the reunion and have been able to keep the costs down. As we have a long overdue salute to our Vietnam veterans, we anticipate a big turnout and I urge people who plan to attend to get their reservations in early to take advantage of the price break for early registrants. Be sure also to make your hotel reservations early!"*

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Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

Winter 2016

Dear AMA Brothers,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and that 2016 will be a Happy New Year for you.

A lot has happened since the last *Bayonet* was printed. We are in a full court press for Reunion 2016 where we will be honoring our Vietnam veterans as well as Vietnam vets from Fishburne and SMA. We are having our first ever marksmanship competition (small bore) at Fishburne with alumni from AMA, SMA and FMS participating. And for the 17th year, we will have our Sporting Clay Shoot, this year on Friday, with SMA and Fishburne invited.

The annual AMA Golf Open will be played at the Waynesboro Country Club on Friday. On the same day, Fishburne has invited us to tour their campus which will include lunch in their Mess Hall with their cadets.

As you will see reported elsewhere in this issue, we have initiated a feasibility study to determine if it makes sense to merge our museum with Fishburne, SMA or possibly other military prep schools, active and closed. That study is being done by Carl Manfield, the principal of Manfield Fundraising Council, LLC. Mr. Manfield will be at the reunion most of the day on Saturday to take your questions and get your thoughts. There will be an hour and a half set aside before the Saturday Banquet for him to answer questions.

I am saddened to report that *The Bayonet* which will come out after the reunion is the last one that my good friend **Bob Bradford, '50**, will edit. He has worked tirelessly over the past two decades and has done a superb job that few can emulate, either in his story telling or his concern about our history. We hope that someone will come forward to take over the editor's job.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize **Nancy** and **John Botcheller, '67**, for their contributions. They have provided money for interns for one year to speed up the accredidation of our museum. This will help us with staffing which continues to be a challenge. We desperately need volunteers and can use you any time the museum is open (Wednesday through Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM). If you can volunteer for just one weekend a year or for a few hours in any given week, we will appreciate it. The museum is our legacy and we need to assure its preservation.

I look forward to seeing you at the reunion in April.

Respectfully,

Steve Trent, '70
Suffolk, Virginia
President, AMA Alumni Association

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The *Bayonet* welcomes information and articles for or about AMA alumni. Share the news of promotions, awards, retirement, births, marriages, deaths, etc. Please print or type your submission. Digital photos should be in at least 300 dpi resolution and, if possible, in TIF format. Clear and correctly exposed glossy prints are also welcomed.

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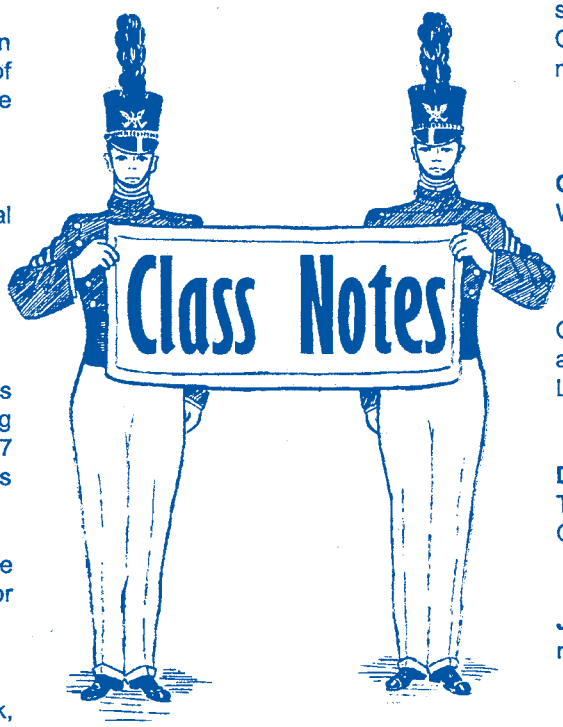


1935

Julian Quarles has his 99th birthday in January. He has had several rounds of pneumonia but was doing better as we went to press. Phone 540/568-8597.

1941

Michael Elliott graduated from the Naval Academy in 1946. Originally from Riverton, NJ, he now lives in Arizona. [mikit85338@q.com]

1946

James Dean fell and broke his hip this past Spring. We hope he is recovering quickly and completely. He retired after 27 years in the real estate business. He lives in Largo, FL.

Bob Lappin spent the summer on Cape Cod and is now back in Palm Beach for the winter season.

1948

Jerry Izenberg is working on a new book, his first on boxing. (Story on page 15) [jizenberg@starledger.com]

Clyde Ramsey has moved from New Jersey to near Tampa, FL where he is living with his son.

1950

Ed Click and Sue took a prolonged 50 day trip which saw them embark on two different journeys around Australia and New Zealand. The first was a 33 day circumnavigation of the Australian continent, then 13 days around New Zealand, finally getting back home to Staunton in early December. [edwin.click@comcast.net]

Dr. John "Milt" Miller is a retired family medicine physician who was associated with Lewis-Gale at Clearbrook. He lives in Callaway near Rocky Mount, VA.

Bob Bradford brought his granddaughter, Sydney, back to Blacksburg, his hometown, when Virginia Tech entertained the Duke Blue Devils at Homecoming in October. Syd is a star on the Vista High School girls' basketball team in Folsom, CA and wants to go to college in the East. [reb111270@aol.com]

1953

Alex Wattay continues in a clinical trial as he fights against colon cancer, his third round with the disease. He is having 25 weeks of treatments at the University of South Carolina, Charleston, and it is a success! The trial use of avelumab has arrested the cancer and Al has gained twelve pounds. Al and Di spent a week at their timeshare in Williamsburg in October. [dialwat@aol.com]

Richard Smoot is an Army veteran and retired engineer living in Jonesboro, TN.

Manuel Balbis, the former President of Firestone, Argentina, and Luky were in Rome for their 55th wedding anniversary, his 80th birthday and the eighth birthday of his grandson (who is the son of their youngest daughter who lives in the Eternal City). [mbalbis@aol.com]

1958

Hugh Harmon and Kathy have moved from Leesburg, their long time hometown, to Wilmington, NC. [jhh5869@gmail.com]

Fred Womer had some foot surgery in October but he and Alice are back on the roster of faithful Museum volunteers. **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, in particular appreciates all the help they are giving, having volunteered in the past to cover a full week as museum docents. The Womers live in Baltimore.

Phil Greenman retired two years ago as Facility Manager at the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. He lives in Gloucester and is looking for one of the inoperable wooden rifles carried by the cadets in J Barracks. Can you help him? 804/693-4509. [greenmanwilliam@gmail.com]

1962

Al Escoda had successful back and neck surgery last April and then hip surgery in October. He is doing well and walking two miles a day. He lives in Decatur, TN. [italnsue@volstate.net]

1963

Charles Hatfield, who is a graduate of William Carey University, now lives in McKinney, TX.

Charles Burgess attended High Point College and was employed at Rock-Tenn, a paper manufacturer. He is living in Lynchburg.

1964

Douglas Brown attended the University of Tampa and owns Care Minders Home Care in Tucson. [highlandlight42@yahoo.com]

John Hipp is a graduate of JMU and is a real estate broker in Winter Garden, FL. [johnhipp@cfl.rr.com]

P. J. Mattson worked for many years at DuPont Chambers. He lives in Swedesboro, NJ. [pj_mattson_rvr@yahoo.com]

Ed Muhler attended the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and flew multiengine fixed and rotary winged aircraft for the Army.

1965

Michael de Ayora was an instructor at Merced College from 1974 until his retirement. He did graduate work at Miami University and at Utah State. [deayoram@comcast.net]

1966

Jim Tessada was a civilian employee of the US Air Force and is living in Rochester Hills, Michigan. He was originally from Mexico City. [jtessada@peoplepc.com]

John Pierpont sold to the legal profession market for many years. He lives in East Northpoint, NY where he is a starter at the Crab Meadow Golf Club. [pierpoin@optonline.net]

Brian Hart and Sue came down to Fort Defiance from Maryland to cover the AMA Museum over a four day weekend in October. This gave our loyal docent **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, a welcome few days off. If more alumni would give us a day or two now and then, it would be of immeasurable help in keeping our museum open.

Dennis McConnell and his family have made a generous gift to Gannon University in Erie, PA and the University's

SAM, LOIS AND JACK - Sam Wysong, '72, and Lois recently visited the Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg, TN.

athletic field has been renamed McConnell Family Stadium. McConnell lives in La Jolla, CA where he founded a venture capital company for early stage biotech and health care companies. He was formerly General Manager and President of Amgen Greater China Ltd. He lived in Cochranton, PA when he was a cadet.

Bradford "Brad" Jones lives in East Barre in "The Granite State," Vermont and that is how he makes his living: selling granite monuments. He and his wife have four wonderful granddaughters "who make our lives complete."

[brad9858@gmail.com]

1967

John Botcheller and Nancy are pleased to announce the engagement of their beautiful daughter, Elizabeth, to Benjamin "Benno" Weisberger, the Chef de Cuisine at #9 Park in Boston. Elizabeth is a registered nurse at the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston. Nuptials are planned for May of 2016.

[botcheller@aol.com]

1968

Michael Vischer is the CEO of Vischer Funeral Supplies in Warminster, PA. He served as an Infantry officer in the Army.

Howard Rosenthal and Ruth married in September 29 years ago. To celebrate the big day, they had ribs and chocolate mousse! To celebrate further, they took a cruise to Vienna, Turkey and Croatia.

[rosenthal9786@verizon.net]

1969

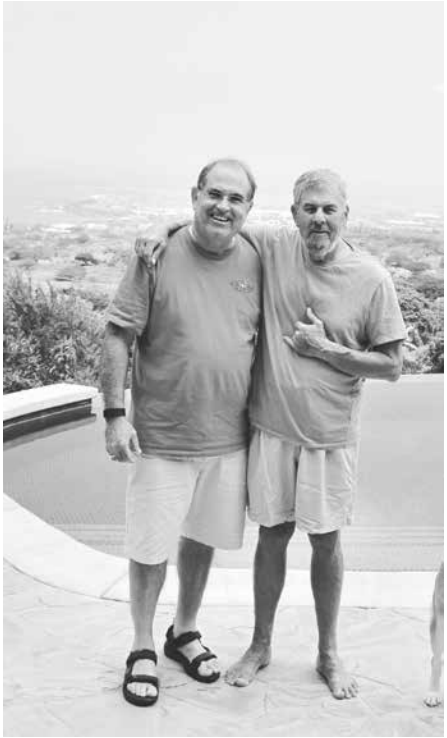
Bob Harris is an attorney practising law in Falls Church. He attended the University of Baltimore undergraduate and law schools.

Rex Rumley and Rose celebrated 30 years of marriage in July. Rex builds ham radio antennas and Rose recently obtained her ham radio license. They plan to come to the 2016 reunion. The Rumleys live in Buckeye Country - Columbus, OH. [rex183@insight.rr.com]

Robert Brothers lives in Virginia Beach. He retired from marine construction work and earlier attended the University of Maryland branch in Bangkok, Thailand.

1970

B. J. d'Orsay retired after 40 years in the retail lumber business, running a Christian book store and for the last dozen years in IT at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.



ALOHA! - Jorge Rovirosa, '70, left, visited Mac McInnis, '67, on the Big Island, Hawaii.

FANS - Warren Fleming, Art Zelaya and Bill Evans, all from the Class of 1972, at a University of Maryland football game.

Now, he and Jan have all the time in the world to travel (they took a cruise from NYC to Canada), to expand his N-Scale model railroad and to continue the really great work he does on the AMA web site: AMAAlumni.org. We can't thank him enough for all he does for AMA.

[bjdorsay@gmail.com]

Gary Nicholson's brother, Bob, and a friend, Gary Buck, visited the museum recently. Bob recalled that his late brother used to work with Buck in ordering supplies for the PX. Gary had once asked Bob to chaperone an AMA dance and though he was *"just a college kid, I did it anyway."* Gary Nicholson, Past President of the AMA Alumni Association, passed away in 2006.

Steve Trent will be in Las Vegas for a week at the end of January attending a business conference. He is the principal at Grimsley Tools in Suffolk and is very active in Republican politics in Virginia.

[trent@mindspring. com]

Jorge Rovirosa and Kiki flew from Miami to Maui, Hawaii in August for a business meeting, then flew over to the Big Island to be with the AMA Ambassador for the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific Region, **Mac McInnis, '67**, and First Lady, Mary Kay, who live in Kona. Jorge and Kiki were back in Hawaii in November, then to San Francisco and Carmel for a long weekend. [jorge@farovi.com]

Peter Russell and Elizabeth live in Salt Lake City where he was formerly a broker at Commodity Futures Options Services. He graduated from Windham College in 1974 earning a degree in marine geology.

[pruss29918@aol.com]

LOST CADET - Tom Edwards, '66, and his grandson from Chapel Hill, NC, the first time at the Museum for both.

1971

Gary Cripps lives in Milford, DE where he is employed at the Delaware Electric Co-operative. [GCripps@decoop.com]

Bob Hanger, orginally from Staunton, is now living in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Burt Glick and Diane have been married since 1994. He attended Roanoke College and they live in Boca Raton, FL.

Joe Bamberger lives in Rockledge, FL near the Space Center.
[rbamberger@cfl.rr.com]

1972

Stan (Raspberry) McDonald was recently on WFAA, the ABC affiliate in Dallas, on the Good Morning Texas show with a demonstraion on how to make apple strudel. Stan has his own website at TheTexasChef.com.

Al Zayas' son, Alvaro, is attending the University of California at Berkeley which has the number one rated environmental studies program in the country.
[secmiaextreme@aol.com]

Mike Nolan is a self employed charter boat captain. He lives in Salisbury, MD.
[mwnnolan@aol.com]]

Tom Buchanan is President of Stateside Data in Greensboro. He attended UNC.
[tom@statesidedata.com]

Art Zelaya has been found by **Warren Fleming** and is back on our mailing list. Both live in Montgomery County, MD.
[wdfleming@qst-inc.com]

Randy Armstrong attended the University of Baltimore and is employed by the Mediterranean Shipping Company in Baltimore. He lives in Lutherville, MD.
[rarmstrong@msc.us]

1973

Jim Atchison and Colleen went to Seattle in July to attend the wedding of a niece.
[atchisonj@gmail.com]

Chris Hart has been diagnosed with colon cancer and began chemo treatments in early November. We are pulling for you, Chris. [mypoppop@comcast.net]

1974

Tom Kennedy served in the U.S. Navy for three years, attended Potomac State College for two years, then earned a degree in advertising and mass communications from the University of Tennessee. He moved to Little Rock and married a girl from his church in 1985.

NEW YORKERS - Dave Carrissimi, '66, and Mary Jane back for the first time from Skaneateles, NY.

The Kennedys have two sons aged 28 and 25, both of whom are college graduates and live in Dallas.
[tkennedy@pcipublishing.com]

Frank Geddie lives in McColl, SC. He remembers that **Colonel Hoover's** dog, Trigger, kept him company for his seven years at Augusta.
[frankgeddie@gmail.com]

Dave Saslaw is a Democratic Party operative in Las Vegas. Formerly with the National Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, he now works with an organization dedictated to electing liberal Democrats to the Congress.

Mal Livick, Jr., Martha and Sallie hoped to get back into their home in Grottoes by the end of the year. A fire and the resulting smoke did a lot of damage. Interior walls had to be replaced and wooden floors restored. No one was injured in the blaze but they did lose a favorite cat.
[LivickM@brcc.edu]

Bob Walker has had four major surgeries for cancer in the last two years. He is still on chemo but was able to go back to work in late October. After insurance, he still

NEW JERSEYITES - P. J. Mattson, '64, was travelling with his wife and sister-in-law from Tennessee back home to Swedesboro, NJwhen they decided to stop in Fort Defiance.

owes more than $30,000 in doctor and other medical bills. If you can help him, go to:gofundme.com.
[rebelrider56@gmail.com]

1976

Mike Payne and Rhonda celebrated 36 years of marriage in August. They live in Rome, GA. [mpayneesq@aol.com]

Keith Sterling is a staffer at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville. He lives in Stuarts Draft.

1978

Jeffrey Lee Campbell spent a decade in Germany and now lives in Birmingham.

Jorge Vence is the President and CEO of Ven Furniture in Caguas, Puerto Rico. He lives in San Juan.

1982

Alvaro Gonzalez lives in Minnetonka, MN, attended Columbia Business School and is the Managing Partner of Lazar, Trading.

Bill Bailey is with the U.S. State Department stationed in Accra, Ghana, Recently he was on TDY in Washington.
[Bailey32023@yahoo.com]

1984

Chris Meek has filed papers to run for a seat on the New Hanover County (NC) School Board. [cmeek65@hughes.net]

AMA PISTOL RAFFLE
ROCK ISLAND M1911 .45 ACP

A special raffle for special people. This beautiful Rock Island Armory military .45 calibre M1911 pistol with special engravings specific only to AMA!

"Augusta Military Academy" on one side with AMA's motto "Ad Astra Per Aspera" on the other. In addition, the ROSEWOOD grips are engraved with a stylized "AMA."

Raffle tickets are **ONLY $20 each!** A drawing will be held at Reunion 2016. Ticket purchasers do NOT have to be present to win. Buy as many tickets as you like! All money earned from the raffle will benefit the AMA Alumni Foundation programs.

To purchase raffle tickets, send an e-mail to: augustaraffle@gmail.com

Tickets also may be purchased at the AMA Museum in Fort Defiance. The weapon is on display there for those who are interested.

AGAIN - TICKETS ARE $20 EACH FOR A CHANCE TO OWN THIS FANTASTIC WEAPON WHICH WAS DONATED BY MIKE KIDD, '72, WITH THE ENGRAVINGS PAID FOR BY ED ROGERVILLE, '75. THIS TRULY IS A CHANCE IN A LIFETIME TO OWN A SPECIAL WEAPON WHICH MIKE KIDD SAYS "CAN DRIVE A TACK AT 15 YARDS!"

Boards met at Fishburne

The Foundation Trustees and the Alumni Association Board of Directors met on 24 September in the Library at the Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro. The discussions are covered in **Chairman Clarke**'s letter on pages 16-17. We appreciate Fishburne's hospitality which included lunch in their Mess Hall.

Pictured, above, left, Foundation Secretary **Phil Bentley, `83,** Treasurer **Steve Traylor, `72,** Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke, `72,** and Museum Executive Director **Crysta Stephenson.** Above, right, Alumni Association President **Steve Trent, `70, Mike Kidd, `72, Jack White, `69, Rick Smail, `67,** and **Gordon Metz, `68.** At left, **Brett Thompson, `75, Ed Rogerville, `76,** Fundraiser **Carl Manfield, Fred Evans, `60,** and **Richard Lassiter, `66.**

Streamlined reunion planned with plenty of time to spend with your AMA brothers

We heard you! You said you wanted more time to be with your friends at AMA reunions. We hope you will like this year's format. Plan now to come to salute our Vietnam vets. Help us to plan the future of the AMA Museum. Enjoy golf, clay shoots or a small bore rifle match. A tasty barbecue again by popular request and in our gym! Best of all - being with OLD AND NEW friends who share our common memories!

Thursday dinner with faculty members, FMS, SMA alumni

For those who come early, we will have a dinner at the Club at Ironwood (next to the Holiday Inn) on Thursday evening 14 April. We are inviting all living AMA faculty members to be there plus we will have some alumni leaders from both SMA and Fishburne. This is a grand opportunity to start the AMA Weekend in the company of friends!

Silent Auction again will offer unique treasures

The 2016 Silent Auction already has a number of fantastic offerings and we are just getting warmed up! There are hot pit passes for NASCAR, stays at fantastic vacation retreats, a World War II airplane spotter book, art treasures and things specific to AMA.

The auction will begin just before the Saturday lunch 16 April and ends after the lunch. So plan to bid early and often! NOW we need you to start thinking about what you have that would be good at the auction. One person's trash is a treasure to someone else. Put on your thinking cap and let's make this the biggest and most successful Silent Auction.

Sports opportunities abound

Are you a golfer? Or a shooter? There are three chances to practice your hobby in the company of friends at Reunion 2016.

The annual **AMA Open Golf Tournament** will be held again at the Waynesboro Country Club with a shotgun start at 9 AM on Friday 15 April. Sign up to play using the form on page 10! If you have questions, contact **Paul Poluito, `73**, at: cpp2q@virginia.edu

Another annual event is the **Sporting Clay Shoot** which takes place this year on Friday 15 April at 12 Noon. As in past years, the shoot will be at the Flying Rabbit in Harrisonburg. Check in with **Blaine Clarke, `72**, to let him know that you plan to participate: Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net.

New on the schedule this year is a small bore rifle match to be held at the Fishburne Rifle Range on Saturday 16 April at 3 PM. Considering the tired bones of many of our alumni, firing will be done from only two positions: offhand and prone. Fishburne will provide the weapons and **Mike Kidd, `72**, will contribute the ammo. There may be shooters from SMA and from the FMS rifle team but that is not firm. If you are interested in the small bore match, please contact Mike Kidd at: mkidd72@gmail.com.

Time set aside to discuss future of the AMA Museum

The future of our AMA Museum is very much in the forefront of of thoughts these days. We would love to stay where we are on the campus where all of our memories abide but reality is forcing us to look at other options. In this issue alone, there are some 26 Taps listings. Our alumni base is getting smaller and we are creating no new alumni. These obvious facts have led to reduced contributions and the unavailability of alumni to staff the museum.

There are many optional activities at the reunion but plenty of time left to gather on the Reunion Plaza at the Holiday Inn to ponder our future. In addition, time has been set aside for such discussions on Saturday 16 April. Between 8 AM and Noon, the Foundation Trustees and Association Board will meet to be followed by a General Membership Meeting. Then before the Awards Banquet on Saturday at 5:30 PM we will have time over drinks to talk further. Plus there will be time allotted at the Banquet to continue this discussion.

The Foundation Trustees have some very serious decisions to make in this coming year. You can read about the various options in Foundation Chair Clarke's letter on pages 16 and 17.

The leaders of your alumni organizations are very seriously looking for comments from our alumni. Whatever we do will take a commitment of time and resources. We have come a long way toward insuring AMA's legacy. We can't stop now!

BarBQ, Fishburne tour and SMA dance among reunion highlights

Friday will give reunion goers a chance to tour Fishburne and see the General Wayne Hotel where a joint AMA-FMS Museum is under discussion. For the second year we are invited to SMA's reunion dance on Friday night. And **Scott Travers, '70**, is arranging another spectacular barbecue lunch in the AMA Gym on reunion Saturday.

The tour of Fishburne includes lunch in their Mess Hall with the FMS cadets! The SMA Dance is in the Clock Tower in downtown Staunton and those who attended last year had a grand time listening to music, dancing and talking with our SMA brothers. And the barbecue lunch last year earned rave reviews from those who partook of it.

Very exciting options for Reunion 2016! Make your hotel reservations early since there are other area reunions that weekend.

Tentative schedule, Reunion 2016

THURSDAY 14 APRIL

10:00 AM . Alumni House/Museum open

12 Noon - 4:00 PM . . . . . Registration
Tower of Power and 50/50 sales begin,
PX open, Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

12 Noon - 5:00 PM . . . . Refreshments
Sodas, ice, cookies, pretzels, chips
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

6:00 PM . . . . . **Opening reception**
The Club at Ironwood
next to the Holiday Inn
Special guests: SMA and FMS alumni and former faculty members

7:00 PM . . . **Dinner, Club at Ironwood**

8:00 PM - Midnight . . Hospitality hours
PX open, Tower of Power, 50/50 sales
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

FRIDAY 15 APRIL

7:00 AM - 5:30 PM . . . . . Registration
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM . . Coffee service
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

8:00 AM . . . . . Golfers depart for
Waynesboro Country Club

9:00 AM . . . PX open, Tower of Power,
50/50, Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

9:00 AM . **AMA Open Golf Tournament**
Waynesboro Country Club
Contact: **Paul Poluito, `73**, at:
cpp2q@virginia.edu

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . Museum open

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM **Tour of Fishburne**
with lunch in their Mess Hall included
Use private vehicles to Waynesboro

12 Noon . . . . . **Sporting Clay Shoot**
The Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg
Contact. **Blaine Clarke, `72**, at:
Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net

Noon - 5:00 PM . . . . . Refreshments
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

6:00 PM . Open Bar, Holiday Inn Ballroom

7:00 PM . **Dinner, Holiday Inn Ballroom**
AMA Open Golf Trophy
Sporting Clay Shoot results

8:00 PM . . . . . **Depart for SMA dance**

8:00 - Midnight . . . . . Open bar, PX,
Tower of Power, 50/50
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

SATURDAY 16 APRIL

All day . . . . . Tower of Power, 50/50

8:00 AM . . **Foundation Trustees** meet

9:00 AM . . . **Association Board** meets

10:00 AM **General Membership** Meeting

12 Noon . . . . . **Founder's Day**
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery
Honoring KIAs from the Vietnam War
Master of Ceremonies: **Rick Smail, `67**

Alumni who have passed away since
Reunion 2015 remembered

Color Guard, Honor Guard and Taps
Fishburne Military School cadets

12:30 PM . . . . . **Bidding begins,**
Silent Auction, AMA Gymnasium

1:00 PM . . . . . **Barbecue lunch**, Gym
Honors to AMA, FMS and SMA
veterans of the Vietnam War

White table ceremony

After lunch . Silent Auction **bidding ends**

3:00 PM **Small Bore Rifle Match**, FMS
Contact: **Mike Kidd, `72**, at:
mkidd72@gmail.com

5:30 PM . **Future of the AMA Museum**
Roundtable discussion, Reunion Plaza

7:00 PM . . . . . **Awards Banquet**
AMA Alumni Medals
AMA Sports Hall of Fame
AMA Legacy Scholarship (if funded)
Small Bore Match results

Remembering **Goodloe Saunders, `57**

50/50, Second Tower of Power drawing

Following dinner until Midnight . . . . . .
. . . . . Reunion Plaza open

SUNDAY 17 APRIL

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . Museum open

Reunion hotels

Reunion Headquarters Hotel
Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center
Exit 225 off I-81
152 Fairway Lane, Staunton
540/248-6020 - $89.99 per night*

Days Inn Business Place
Exit 225 off I-81
Opposite the Holiday Inn, Staunton
540/248-0888 - Phone for quote

Best Western
Exit 222 off I-81
92 Rowe Road, Staunton
Four miles from Holiday Inn
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The AMA Alumni Association does NOT make hotel reservations!

We suggest that you make your hotel reservation early since there are other reunions on the same weekend. We look forward to seeing you in April!

Are you a Vietnam veteran? Join your brothers at the reunion!

It has been said often that while men and women in uniform returning from World War II were greeted with parades and bands, the veterans of Vietnam had no such accolades. In past reunions we have paid tribute to the brave Augusta men who put their lives on the line in the war that took 58,307 American lives, the names of each engraved on the somber wall pictured at right.

At Reunion 2016, we will honor and remember the Veterans of Vietnam again.

At Founder's Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery on Saturday 16 April at Noon, the names of AMA's Vietnam KIAs will be read with vocal responses from assembled Vietnam vets.

At the Saturday lunch in the gym, we will recognize all Vietnam veterans in the room, including those from SMA and FMS.

In this issue beginning on page 18 is the AMA Honor Roll of all who have self-identified as having been in uniform during the war, whether or not they were in country. If your name should be on this list, please let us know right away by e-mail at: AMABayonet@aol.com.

If you wore the uniform of our country during the Vietnam War, please come to the April reunion to salute your comrades in arms.

SMA DANCE Again in 2016, we are invited to SMA's annual reunion dance at the ClockTower on Beverly Street in Staunton. Those who attended last year were greeted warmly by our SMA hosts and whether or not they took to the dance floor, everyone had a fantastic evening with our brothers in cadet grey. The dance is Friday evening 15 April. Be sure you pay your taxes by that day, then enjoy this outstanding event. Special thanks go to **Jack White, `69**, for making all the arrangements. At press time, transportation arrangements were not complete.

FISHBURNE TOUR Fishburne Military School has been extending sincere offers of help to us over the past year. They have hosted our Boards in their Library and had them as guests in their Mess Hall. As we discuss whether it might make sense to merge our museum with theirs, they are inviting all of our alumni to visit their Waynesboro campus to see what they have to offer. We will take private transportation to their campus on Friday so think about putting together car pools. In addition to touring their campus, we will see the General Wayne Hotel where a combined museum might be and we will have lunch in the Mess Hall with the FMS Corps of Cadets.

50/50 AND TOWER OF POWER Once again, we will be offering both the 50/50 and Tower of Power opportunities. With 50/50, reunion goers deposit five dollar bills into a cannister with the contributor's name or initials on the bill. At the end of the evening on Saturday, one bill will be drawn and the person whose name appears on the bill will get half of what is in the cannister while AMA gets the other half. In previous years, the canister has contained as much as $900! Tower of Power tickets will be sold throughout the reunion with ticket drawings on both Friday and Saturday nights. The winners receive bottles of special libations!

BARBECUE Those who attended Reunion 2015 don't have to be told about the delicious barbecue furnished by **Scott Travers, `70**. The pulled pork was the very best and the sides were extraordinary. And he promises a new dessert this year. You don't want to miss this culinary adventure! Come to the Saturday barbecue at 1 PM in our gym. Note the time!

SILENT AUCTION The Silent Auction starts on Saturday at 12:30 PM in the gym and continues through the lunch. THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL HAVE TO BID ON THE FANTASTIC ITEMS TO BE OFFERED. This year, stays in exquisite vacation homes, hot pit passes for any NASCAR race in 2016, AMA items, works of art, a World War II aircraft spotting book and many other items. Please remember that one person's trash is another's treasure! Think about what you have which might be worth something to someone else. Then either send your item(s) to the AMA Museum or bring them with you to the reunion! **Rick Smail, `67**, is in charge of the Silent Auction. Contact him at: ricksmail@earthlink.net to let him know what you are giving to the auction.

REUNION 2016 LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK... AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SPORTING EVENTS

Want to play golf on Friday morning? Contact **Paul Poluito, `73**, at: cpp2q@virginia.edu and register on page 10.

Want to shoot Sporting Clays at Noon on Friday? Contact **Blaine Clarke, `72**, at: Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net.

Want to fire in the small bore match at Fishburne Saturday afternoon? Contact **Mike Kidd, `72**, at: mkidd72@gmail.com.

THE 2016 AMA OPEN
AT LAST YEAR'S VENUE

Friday 15 April at 9 AM - Shotgun start

A four-person scramble (Captain's choice) with all proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation. All are welcome! Men, ladies and teens

Use every player's tee shot twice. Lowest score wins! 1st, 2nd and Last Place Prizes awarded plus Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Best Putt.

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Drawing for Mulligan Prizes! $10 per mulligan, limit two per player.

FEES: $100* PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES 18 HOLES, GREEN FEES, CART RENTAL, BOX LUNCH, REFRESHMENTS, GOODY BAG AND A DONATION TO THE AMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION
*** Includes two Mulligans**

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Contact PAUL POLUITO, `73, at cpp2q@virginia.edu

Thanks to Paul for hosting the AMA Open at his club –
The Waynesboro Country Club

Sign up form for the 2016 AMA Open

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Handicap or last three scores ___ Will play with anyone ☐ OR team me with _____

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We have a foursome _____ and _____

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We expect to have players from some of our rival military schools! SMA, FMS, Fork Union, Massanutten and Stuart Hall! More fun!

New publication remembers Jack Manch: "Forgotten Hero"

A small booklet of some 40 pages pays a loving tribute to AMA's **Jack Manch, '38**, who flew into history as a Doolittle Raider in the first American air attack on the Japanese mainland since the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Manch not only flew in that famous raid but gave his life in 1958 as he steered his crippled jet away from a Las Vegas residential area, ejecting when the plane was over the desert but too low for his chute to deploy. The illustrated book, published this past July, was written by Charles Culbertson, an historical writer whose offerings are often found in the Staunton *News-Leader*. A copy of the publication is on display at the AMA Museum.

Legacy Scholarships unfunded

As contributions to the AMA Alumni Foundation have diminished, the difficult decision has been made not to offer AMA Legacy Scholarships in 2016. The annual awards have been made since 1994 when **Jeanne and Clyde Ramsey, '49**, underwrote the first $1,000 stipend. In recent years, three scholarships have been awarded annually, each worth $2,000, to the direct descendants of AMA alumni.

If you want to see the Legacy Scholarship program continued, please make a tax deductible contribution to the AMA Alumni Foundation and earmark it for "Legacy Scholarships." Depending on what monies are received, it may be possible to award a scholarship or scholarships in 2016 in whatever amount is received to support the program.

Past recipients of AMA Legacy Scholarships may want to thank AMA by making such a contribution. If you would like to make a contribution in honor of or in memory of someone, that request will be honored.

Use your credit card to make an on line contribution. Log on to AMAAlumni.org. Or send your check to the AMA Alumni Foundation, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100. All contributions to the AMA Alumni Foundation are tax deductible on State and Federal returns.

THREE MEDALS - Together in Bev and Frank Williamson's Virginia Beach home are three AMA Alumni Medalists - Frank, '60, John Maragon from Fishburne and Luke Snyder, '60. These three have done so much for AMA!

In the Summer 2015 Taps listing, the wrong photo of Larry Horowitz from the Class of 1973 was used. We apologize for that error and to the left is the correct photo of Larry. He died on 18 October 2014 after a long illness.

Sergeant Don Studer has a new e-mail address: DonaldStuder1@gmail.,com

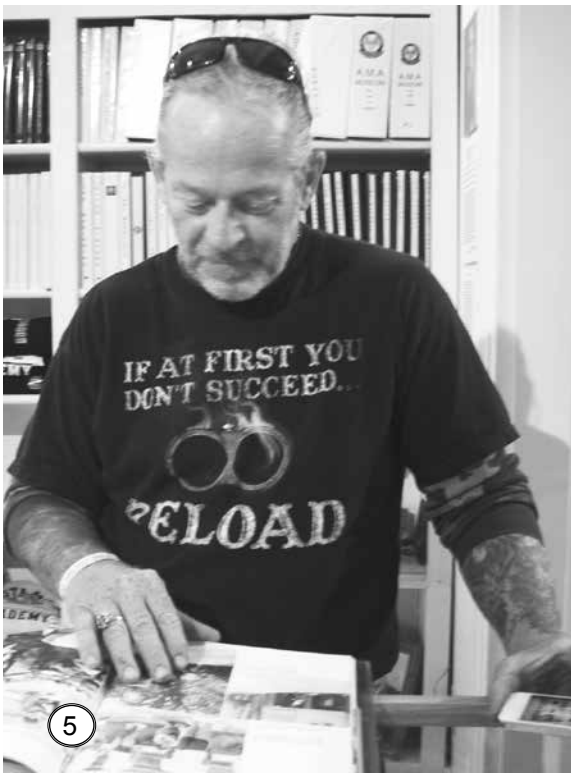
Captain James McDowell dies

James McDowell, Jr., who graduated from AMA in 1950 and later taught and coached at AMA, passed away in an assisted living faclity in Weyers Cave on 20 October. He was 83. He was born in Glen Falls, NY and went to Fincastle (VA) High School before coming to Augusta. He graduated from VMI in 1954 and received a Masters in Education from the University of Virginia.

McDowell taught at Eagle Rock High School and Weyers Cave Elementary Schools for 38 years. He was on staff at AMA from 1956 through 1968 teaching and coaching junior football and wrestling. He is survived by a son, James, III; grandsons James, IV of Elida, OH and Senior Airman Nolan of JBER, Alaska; a sister, Neville Thompson of Bellingham, WA; and a number of nieces and nephews.

At AMA, McDowell was a sergeant first class in Headquarters Company, played junior football and intramurals, had a White Page and was on the Honor Roll.

1) Ricardo Prado, '73, and his wife came to visit from Guatemala, his first trip back in 42 years. Ricardo's brother, Eduardo, attended AMA the year before Ricardo did. 2) Bruce Karger, '71, donated his overcoat and some *Recalls* to the Museum. Faithful volunteer Victor Gomez, '69, gratefully accepts Bruce's contributions. 3) Mark Rollins Grant, '66, came from Los Angeles with his cousin, Dennis Myers, and Dennis' wife, Tammy. 4) Dawson "Butch" Raymo, '64, and his wife got to see Colonel Livick when they were at the Museum. The Raymos are from Canandaigua, NY. 5) Missing from this photo is former First Captain Roger Messick, '52. His sister, Lou Messick Sherill, his son, Vic, and his neice, Meredyth Jenkins, did tour the Museum. In this photo, they are watching *The AMA Way* in the Museum parlor.



MUSEUM VISITORS

1) Dr. Meb Turner, '48, and Iva made a donation to the museum in honor on Ben Zinkhan, '60. Dr. Turner is the former President of the University of Baltimore. 2) Michelle Quinn and her sons, Sean and Connor, stopped on their way from New Jersey to Florida. Her dad was the late Frank Hruza, '64. 3) Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sims, '61, came all the way from Charlottesville. 4) Kary Buzzard, '64, came back to AMA for the first time since he left school. Kary and his son live in Arizona and Kary's brother, Roy, was in the Class of 1965. 5) Wayne Gould, '68, stopped by to review *The Recall* from his class. He lives in Roanoke. 6) The family of John Fields, '64, visited on their way to Tennessee. Seeing the AMA Museum signs on Interstate 81, they came by for a long visit. The family lives in Pennsylvania.

10 Years Ago

Hilton Roller Grasty, the daughter of **Colonel Tom Roller**, passed away at home in Charlottesville.

United Pentecostal Church considered plans to make Big Barracks habitable again.

Korean War and **Vietnam vets** to be honored at Reunion 2006.

AMA Trustee **Lieutenant General Arch Sproul** died at age 89.

Roger Messick, '52, related harrowing tale of Vietnam War combat.

Jim Hash, '72, brought back his memories of his time at Augusta.

VMI Cadets visited our campus.

PARTY IN PITTSBURGH - Jim Mitchell, '76, and Casey were pleased to have their daughter, Mallory, married in their hometown and several AMA folks were there. L. to r., Lee Livick Combs, Linda and Colonel Mal Livick, the bride, father Mitch, '76, and Casey, Mal Livick, Jr., '75, John Smith, '75, and Bonnie, and Chelsea and Chris, Vetick, '77.

VMI Keydets make annual visit

At the beginning of the Labor Day weekend, a contingent of VMI cadets paid their annual visit to AMA on their way from Lexington to New Market where their predecessors turned the tide of battle in the South's last significant victory in the Civil War. Each year, a unit of First Classmen makes the 82 mile march to commemorate the participation of Institute cadets in that historic engagement.

The cadets enjoyed a picnic in front of the AMA Museum and stretched out in the grass resting their tired feet, right.

The cadets were greeted by a number of AMA folks including VMI Alumnus **Frank Spencer, `49**, and Ida, **Doug Carter, `72, Hugh Harmon, `58**, and Kathy, **John Hash, `75, and Liz, Brenda (Mrs Goodloe, `57) Saunders, Buddy Krise, `58, UPC Reverend Greg Douglas** and **Ben Zinkhan, `60**. The ladies baked and made sandwiches. A wonderful annual tradition!

NY Military Academy closed after 126 years

New York Military Academy, founded in 1889 at Cornwall-on-Hudson, has closed after several attempts by alumni and other groups to keep it open. Their most famous alumnus: Donald Trump.

1924 Recall from FMS

The Superintendent at Fishburne has donated to the AMA Museum a rare copy of AMA's 1924 yearbook. We thank sincerely **Colonel Gary Morrison** for his thoughtfulness in making this issue of *The Recall* available to Augusta's alumni.

1969 Recall now on line

Our fantastic webmaster **B. J. d'Orsay, `70**, has just put the entire 1969 *Recall* on the AMA website: AMAAlumni.org.

There are now 36 complete yearbooks on line including all from 1939 through 1964, 1967 through 1971 plus 1981. The 1911, 1930, 1936 and 1937 issues are also on the site.

Special thanks go to **Bruce Nicholson, `62**, who scanned many of the yearbooks which are now viewable on our site.

Jerry Izenberg, '48, on PBS, two more books on the way

Jerry Izenberg, `48, is the unmatched sports writer in the country. He has attended and reported on every Super Bowl, covered Ali's fights in Zaire and Manila, written about more than a hundred World Series games and covered some 160 Triple Crown races. He is in the National Sportswriters Hall of Fame, the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame, the New Jersey Literary Hall of Fame and the AMA Sports Hall of Fame (one of its first inductees).

Jerry Izenberg, 1947 *Recall*

He has authored more than a dozen books, is a regular ESPN contributor, amassed four Pulitzer nominations and earned the Associated Press Red Smith Award for a lifetime of contributions to sports journalism.

Enough for one lifetime? He "retired" from the staff of the Newark *Star Ledger* in 2007 and moved to the Las Vegas suburbs to watch the desert sun rise over the mountains. And to pretty much keep on doing what he had been doing.

After the success of *Rozelle*, a tribute to the first NFL Commissioner that went through two editions, he has just finished a novel on the Negro Baseball League. *"Much of the anecdotal material is real and never told publicly but it came to me from conversations with Paige, Irvin, Doby and Gibson,"* Jerry says.

He has begun work on *"the only boxing book I will ever write."* And no living sportswriter knows more about boxing than Jerry Izenberg. Las Vegas, boxing and Izenberg began their three way romance in the `60s. He became very close to Muhammed Ali who after lighting the 1996 Olympic Torch with shaking hands spent all of the next day with Jerry. Jerry had supported publicly Ali's decision to not fight in the Vietnam War for religious reasons which saw Jerry's windshield smashed with a sledgehammer. Their friendship has continued to this day and when PBS did a special on Ali's life they asked Jerry to narrate a part of it.

The show is part of the PBS series *In Their Own Words* which aired in September and will be broadcast again in the near future. Check TV listings for time and channel.

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Nicholson, '75, gets 3rd star, command of III Marine Corps Expeditionary Force, Japan

Larry Nicholson, '75, a Marine infantry officer for the past 35 years and most recently Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA, has been appointed the Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Japan, with headquarters in Okinawa. He will also serve as the Commanding General, Marine Forces Japan. His promotion to lieutenant general accompanied his new assignment.

Following tours in Iran and Afghanistan where he was grievously wounded, Nicholson took over the famous 1st Marine Division in 2013. In 2009-2010, he commanded the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Afghanistan and in 2006-2007, he headed the 5th Marine Regiment in Fallujah, Iraq. Larry was AMA's Battalion Commander his senior year.

After the change of command ceremonies at Camp Pendleton, Larry and Debbie traveled cross country in August visiting her twin and their three sons and their families. In early September, Larry and Deb assumed their new duties on Okinawa.

ON HIS DAY OFF - Faithful Museum Volunteer Ben Zinkhan, '60, is ever present and ever available to do whatever needs to be done. The 105 howitzer which stands guard over the Museum is on loan from the Department of the Army and needs to be maintained to Army standards which means a fresh coat of paint every two years, a chore formerly done by the late Goodloe Saunders, '57, and now by Gentle Ben.

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Dear AMA Brothers and Supporters,

The AMA Alumni Foundation Trustees, the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors and concerned alumni met on Saturday 26 September in the Fishburne Military School Library to discuss options to craft a future for our museum that is both attainable and sustainable beyond our lifetimes.

Pursuant to our dream. it was agreed that we must continue to fund the museum at the current levels, reduce costs for *The Bayonet* and update the AMA website into a more modern platform which will enable more alumni participation.

Most important, the Foundation Trustees voted to initiate a feasibility study to determine the viability of a fundraising campaign to create a joint museum with FMS and other Valley military schools, past and present.

All of the efforts to keep a presence on the AMA campus have come down to this: we will never own the building we now lease and our lease on the Roller House runs out in 2028, much sooner if we cannot raise the funds to continue the expense of being there. Everyone agrees that we need to find a lasting home for our museum and its treasures.

A door has opened that we feel many AMA alumni will support because it is realistic and has clearly defined goals. We have engaged Manfield Fundraising Council, LLC, a Virginia corporation with a strong track record of securing funds for non-profit corporations to complete a feasibility study exploring whether or not a combined museum with other military academies could attract sufficient outside financial support.

Additionally, Fishburne has proposed that we join with them (and possibly other schools) to build a new Military Academy Museum in Waynesboro adjacent to the FMS campus in the old General Wayne Hotel.

The Fishburne proposal seems to be a solid plan with an end result that can assure that our legacy lives on long after we are gone.

During our September meeting, we were invited to explore the FMS campus. We found a living school which is almost physically identical to AMA and the AMA experience. We were deeply moved to see cadets doing what we did and living like we lived. It was an uplifting experience to walk into the quad and see rooms almost identical to the ones we lived in, much more elevating than visiting the empty, decaying AMA campus.

FMS leadership voiced strong support for AMA and our alumni. They welcome the opportunity to join us and help us share why Augusta was such a profound experience in our lives.

Fishburne is a financially secure school that will be around for a long time and we believe they have the potential to be an excellent long-term partner.

The museum accreditation program is moving forward and needs to continue to do so. However, accreditation cannot be completed until we have a permanent home. In the meantime, it is imperative that we continue to get alumni support for the museum.

In closing, the boards are exploring ways to reduce expenses while improving services to our alumni. We are committed to changes for *The Bayonet* and an improved web presence. We are also reformatting the 2016 reunion to reduce expenses while enhancing the alumni experience.

These are challenging but hopeful times.

Together, we can assure that our history lives well beyond our time.

Blaine Clarke, '72
Chairman

THE AMA VIETNAM HONOR ROLL

THIS ROSTER INCLUDES ALL AMA ALUMNI AND STAFF WHO HAVE SELF-IDENTIFIED AS VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR. ANYONE WHO WORE THE UNIFORM OF OUR COUNTRY BETWEEN 8/5/64 AND 5/7/75 IS CONSIDERED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AS A VIETNAM VETERAN, WHETHER OR NOT HE OR SHE HAD SERVICE IN COUNTRY. IF YOU SERVED DURING THESE DATES AND YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS HONOR ROLL, LET US KNOW RIGHT AWAY AT AMABAYONET@AOL.COM. A FINAL ROSTER WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR REUNION 2016.

KEY: USA = ARMY; USN = NAVY; USAF = AIR FORCE; USMC = MARINE CORPS; USCG = COAST GUARD; KIA = KILLED IN ACTION; UNK = BRANCH OF SERVICE UNKNOWN; * = DECEASED; DAV = DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN. RANKS ARE LISTED WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO US.

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JOHN R. CORRIERE, '63 ..... USMC
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FRANK M. HRUZA, '64 ..... USA *
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RODNEY WHITE, '64 ..... USAF
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We would like to go to Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown and see it like we have never seen it before. Then, let's get Frank!

We would like a tour of Richmond by someone who has lived there all his life and knows more about that fascinating city than anyone else. Then, let's get Frank!

Obviously, the Frank we are talking about is **Frank Williamson, `60**, an alumnus who spent only one year at AMA but has made unmatched contributions to our lifeblood and our legacy.

Frank and his beautiful wife, Beverly, have hosted more than a dozen motorcoach tours during past reunions and you have but to ask anyone who went on one of these tours if the Williamsons don't constitute the most vibrant tour leaders in their experience.

If you want to travel with them, you can select a planned tour or have a completely private tour. *"The private tours are private indeed,"* says Frank. *"The only participants will be members of the party booking the tour whether that is a group or an individual. We go on our client's schedule, not ours."* Frank offers both walking and van tours of Richmond.

Frank and Bev are certified by the "I Am Tourism Ambassador" program in Richmond and appeared on the NBC Evening News. In September, 450,000 people came to Richmond for the World Cycling Championship and the Williamsons were busy beyond belief. *Grid* magazine did a feature on Frank who has been giving tours for 16 years covering 408 years of Richmond history on each tour. At the end of one tour, Frank said, *"We just scratched the surface. Richmond history is so diverse. As a 74 year old native, I know the city backward and forward. There is so much to show people."*

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St. John's Church where Patrick Henry made his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, the White House of the Confederacy, home to Edgar Allan Poe and his sweetheart, ale houses, Monument Avenue, the Thomas Jefferson designed State Capitol, Hollywood Cemetery and the Civil War battlefields of Cold Harbor and Gaines Mill. Frank also offers tours of the historic James River Plantations: Shirley Plantation dating from 1613 and Berkeley Plantation from 1619. And tours of the Virginia Presidents' homes: Jefferson's Monticello, Monroe's Ashlawn and Madison's Montpelier.

The Williamsons have shown Richmond, Yorktown, Jamestown and Williamsburg to some famous people: Lord and Lady Carnovan who own Highclere Castle where *Downton Abbey* is filmed, Bill Curry who was an All American at Georgia Tech and later coach of Georgia State, and others who wisely said "Let's get Frank!"

IN 2012, Frank in front of cannon, right, takes a group of AMA alumni on a tour of the Gaines Mill Battlefield where General Lee won a decisive battle on 27 June 1862, a June date which would become Frank's birthday in 1941.

IT is not our campus. Mind your manners!

Gentlemen, all of the buildings and grounds at AMA are owned by the United Pentecostal Church. The AMA Alumni Foundation has a lease on the AMA Alumni House/Museum until 2028 but it is not ours.

The church has rules for its property. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, for instance. And no smoking in any of their buildings. Recently, some of our fellows have been disrespectful to our good friend, Reverend Douglas, who lives in what used to be the Infirmary. When he asked a man to put out a cigarette in Hoover Hall, our alumnus crushed out the cigarette on the floor and lit another one.

The owners also have the right to limit where visitors can go and Reverend Douglas recently was told by an alumnus that "We went here and we can go anywhere we want."

Well, that is not true. As much as we love every blade of grass on the campus, it does not belong to us. We did not learn such bad manners at AMA. When you come to the campus, imagine that General Roller or Colonel Livick is looking over your shoulder and behave like the gentleman you were trained to be.

The last Bayonet After twenty years and 74 issues of The ***Bayonet***, and approaching my 85th birthday, the time has come for me to hang up my quill. The *Bayonet* which will come out after Reunion 2016 will be the last one I will edit.

My love for and dedication to AMA and our precious legacy continues undiluted. The problems we face can be overcome with strong hearts and positive attitudes. Too many resources and too much effort and love by too many people have gone into polishing and protecting our legacy to let it slip away.

Now, we have to find someone younger and brighter to keep the string going. Over the next several months, the search will go on for my replacement. It may be that we cannot find a single person who will take on the task in which case we will have to figure out how to distribute the tasks. I have pledged to our Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke** my complete cooperation and my willingness to help my replacement or replacements as long as I have breath.

Please give this your prayerful consideration. Thank you to every AMA alumnus and friend who has been supportive and I look forward to an even brighter future for our AMA Alumni Magazine.

Bob

Bob Bradford, '50

AMA Alumni Medals

Now is the time to nominate for the 2016 AMA Alumni Medals. These honors go each year to those who have made significant contributions to the AMA Alumni Foundation and/or the AMA Alumni Association.

Send your nominations to AMA MEDAL, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437 or e-mail to AMABayonet@aol.com. The medal or medals will be awarded at Reunion 2016.

The Selection Committee is composed of **Blaine Clarke, '72**, as Chairman with members **Steve Trent, '70, Rick Smail, '67, Steve Traylor, '72** and **Bob Bradford, '50. Nominations must be received by 4 March 2016.**

Sports Hall of Fame

It is also time to make nominations for the 2016 class entering the Sports Hall of Fame. This honor is accorded annually to players, coaches and sports journalists who have made their names in the sports world, either at AMA or afterward. E-mail nominations to: AMABayonet@aol.com.

The judges are **Frank Williamson, `60, Brett Thompson, `75, Don Studer, Roger Messick, `52,** and **Colonel Mal Livick**. Deadline for nominations: Friday 4 March 2016. Hall of Famers will be notified in advance of the reunion where inductions into the Hall of Fame take place.

Blue Ridge Roof Cleaning is owned by Brett Thompson, '75

SPOTLIGHT on MIKE PAYNE, `76

By Ruth (Mrs. Howard, '68) Rosenthal

Mike Payne ready to fire at Talladega

This **SPOTLIGHT** highlights **Mike Payne** from the Class of 1976 who is a member of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.

Mike is well known to AMA alumni who participate in the Sporting Clay Shoots at reunions. His interest in shooting goes back a long way starting when he was an AMA cadet when he shot on the Rifle Team (Two years with **Sergeant Barger** and two years with **Sergeant Studer**) from 1972 through 1976.

To this day, he enjoys competitions especially those at Camp Perry, Ohio where the National Rifle and Pistol Matches and Small Arms Firing School have been held each year since 1907. A series of Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches, CMP games and National Rifle Association (NRA) national championships are held in partnership with the CMP, NRA and the Ohio National Guard.

This year's matches were opened by **Congressman Robert Latta** of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District and the Congressman himself fired in the M1 Garand Match. The events took place over some 40 days and covered pistol, rimfire rifles, high power service rifles, nostalgic rifles and long range rifles. The events are attended by schools, the military, novices and professionals.

Mike has competed there since 2010 having had the honor of shooting with some of our country's best. In 2013, he shot with **Master Sergeant Julia Watson** who served with **General Nicholson** in Fallujah, Iraq. Besides being one of the nation's top Marine shooters, Julia is a good friend of **Bruce Hemp** as Mike discovered when talking with her. Sergeant Watson retired last year after an extensive career as a Marine.

Mike also shot with actor and **Gunnery Sergeant R. Lee Ermy ("The Gunny")** at Camp Perry and at the Eastern Games at Camp Butler, North Carolina. Mike's comment about Gunny was that, *"He is all Marine through and through."*

The M1 Garand is one of Mike's favorite weapons, a rifle many AMA cadets carried and cleaned. (It is worth noting that the first rifle to dominate the National Matches was the M1903 which AMA cadets shouldered until after World War Two)

One of the highlights of Mike's career was to be awarded shooting medals at the Eastern Games by **Gary Anderson**. Gary was a Senator from Nebraska, two time Olympic Gold Medalist, a member of the US Olympic Committee and is considered the most decorated rifleman in the world having set many National Records which still stand today.

This year, Mike had the opportunity to shoot at the inaugural M1 Garand Match at the new CMP Marksmanship Park in Tuscaloosa, Alabama where he earned the Bronze Medal. During the year he shoots at numerous local and regional events primarily in the South averaging three or four matches a month with sometimes two or three in a single day. When this story was written, Mike had just returned from matches in Talladega, Alabama where he took Gold in two matches and Silver in the other two in which he competed. Mike says most people have no idea how much "trigger time" it takes to stay competitive.

During his military service, he was a member of the Fort Knox Service Rifle Team and was attached to the Army Marksmanship Training Unit. He was also a part of the All Army Marksmanship Training Unit at Fort Benning where he shot service rifle and running target.

After the military, he took a 20 year break from competitive shooting taking up sporting clays around 2000 and competing for about five years. Now he only shoots sporting clays at AMA reunions. Mike is an NRA and CMP instructor and teaches firearm safety to those who want to learn. Currently living in Rome, Georgia, he coaches his grandkids and granddaughter Katie recently won her first CMP Bronze Medal. She also has won other local and area events as has her sister, Jasmine. Mike's daughter Holly is competing in CMP service rifle events.

National Record Holder Gary Anderson awards medals to Mike Payne at the Eastern Games.

To Mike, his family is the future of shooting. He says he would not be able to do what he does without the support of Rhonda, his wife of 36 years. *"She puts up with my shooting schedule and helps me prepare for matches, load ammo and clean rifles. I have been blessed! And Rhonda is a pretty good pistol shot herself."*

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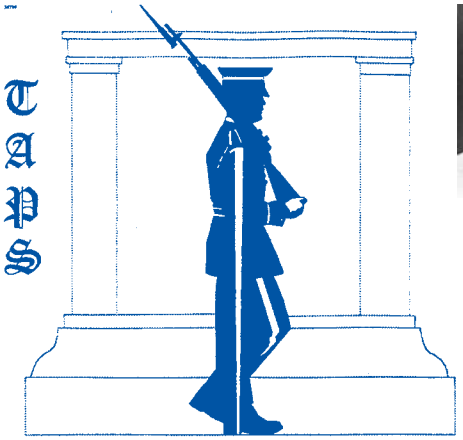

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William "Bill" Welte, `38
28 May 2015, in New London, CT, 94. Served as a Navy aviator in World War II. Graduate of Olivet College (Michigan) in 1949 and the Webb Institute of Architecture. Taught at the Colonel Ledyard School in Groton, CT, then joined the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics where he worked in naval science and advanced submarine design for the next 35 years. Had a passion for naval history. Lifelong member of the Shennecossett Yacht Club in Groton. Volunteered for many years at Mystic Seaport. Survived by his two sons, William of Camden, ME and George of Gales Ferry, CT; three daughters, Elizabeth of Stonington, CT, Margaret Anne of Forest, VA and Lesley of Waterford, CT; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His wife of 65 years, Margaret, passed away last year. At AMA: SGT, C Company; Peep football; fencing; Monogram Club; intramurals.

William Clarkson "Wit" Garrett, `40
4 October 2015, Bowlers Wharf (Essex County), VA, 93. Graduate of Hampden-Sydney College. V-7 Navy Program in World War Two, commanding officer LCT 886 based in Guam. Joined family marine and oyster farm business. Lamplighter, Middle Rappahannock River Light Houses. Appointed by Governor Godwin to the Board of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Survived by his son, William, Jr., daughters, Neely Axselle and Frances Jones; two granddaughters; and three great-grandsons. At AMA: Private, Band Company; Peep football; baseball; rifle team; Glee Club. Reported by **Lew Mundin, `53**.

Michael Suttle, Jr., `42
20 May 2015, Newport News, 90. World War II service as a US Marine. Attended Duke University and the General Motors Institute. President of Suttle Motor Corporation in Newport News for 50 years, the area's premier Cadillac dealer. Survived by his wife, Jessie; a daughter, Nannette Holmes, and sons, Michael, III, Gary and Steven; a brother, Raymond; seven granddaughters and three grandsons. At AMA: Sergeant Major, Staff; Final Ball Committee; Cotillion Club; basketball manager; *Recall* staff. Reported by his classmate, **Angus Hines, `42**.

Douglas W. McLoney, Sr., `46
30 June 2015, Cynthiana, KY, 86. Honor graduate from VMI in civil engineering. US Air Force, 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, during the Korean War. Following his military service, obtained a graduate degree in architecture from MIT and opened an architecture firm in Lexington which became the largest in the state. Preceded in death by his brother, **Thorne McLoney, `49**. Survived by his wife of 60 years, Jean McHugh, their three sons: Doug, James and Greg, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. At AMA: Rifle team; SGT, D Company.

William Harper Houff, `46
26 January 2014, Spokane, WA. Born in New Hope, VA near Staunton. BS at William and Mary with an MS and PhD in chemistry from Michigan State. Later entered the Unitarian ministry. A leader in many anti-government and anti-nuclear crusades. Married five times, he is survived by three sons: Konrad, Gregory and Robert. At AMA: Day student.

David W. Gardner, `46
28 September 2015, Terra Alta, WV. No details. At AMA: Private, D Company.

Max Kuniansky, `47
11 September 2015, Miami, FL. Originally from Lynchburg, he later lived in New Jersey, Louisiana, England, Argentina and Chile. Chemical engineering degree, 1952, at Georgia Tech. Employed by Esso (Exxon) for 33 years with his final assignment as Vice President of Esso Central America and Caribbean. He volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and eventually was named Director of Family Assessments. Lifelong tennis player and President of the Royal Palms Tennis Club at Pinecrest. Split time betyween homes in Miami and Santiago, Chile. Survived by his wife of 35 years, Marjorie Smith-Fontana, sons, Max and Mark; stepsons Rick, Rod and Pete; a sister, Sarah Taylor; and the Smith-Fontana family in Chile. At AMA: S/SGT, D Company; Honor Roll; AMA Orchestra; Latin Medal; golf and tennis teams.

Leslie E. Fifer, Jr., `48
18 August 2015, Lexington, VA, 87. Served in the Army during the Korean War. Retired from Westinghouse/McQuay. Survived by his sisters, Katherine Wine of Verona and Wanda Shaver of Nashville, and numerous nieces and nephews. Interred in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery. His father ran **General Roller**'s farms. At AMA: 1SGT, Headquarters Company.

Alan B. Pearson, `48
23 November 2014, Lynchburg. No details. At AMA: Corporal; Band; Honor Roll.

James McDowell, `50
See story on page 13.

Frederick C. Shappee, Jr., `50
29 January 2015, Morning Star Residential Care Center, Minetto, NY, 86. Served in the Army during the Korean War and earned the Korean Service Medal. Employed in quality control for Sealright for 33 years retiring in 1990. Recreational pilot who built his own airplane. Past Master, Hanibal Lodge, and a Noble of Media Shrine Watertown. Survived by his wife, Mary Post Shappee; a son, Jeffrey of South Carolina; daughters Carla Salisbury of Minetto and Susan Caruth of Syracuse;

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Shappee

Sposito

Madden

Gardner

Gossom

Buchanan

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and three grandchildren. At AMA: Captain, Staff; rifle team Ad Astra per Aspera.

Colonel Paul Sposito, `51
27 January 2015, Oak Hill, VA, 83. Full colonel, US Army, retired in 1983 after 27 years on active duty with service in Vietnam, Germany and Italy. Faculty member, US Army War College. At AMA: Private, Headquarters Company; varsity football, baseball and basketball; Honor Roll.

MSGT Charles Madden, `51
30 September 2015, The Villages, FL, 83. Served in the US Air Force for 23 years with service in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Assigned to Special Air Mission National Airport 1954-59. Ended work career at ABF Systems. Interred at the Arlington National Cemetery. Survived by his wife, Wendy Foreman Madden; son, Charles, Jr; daughter, Kimberly Hutto; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. At AMA: 1LT, Headquarters Company; rifle team; tennis; Roller Rifles. Reported by **John Schwarzmann, `63**, and **Ed Rogerville, `76**.

Henry J. Wereszynski, `51
October 2014, Utica, NY. No details. At AMA: New Cadet; Private, Headquarters Company; varsity football, Honor Roll.

Brian "Corky" Gardner, `52
20 April 2015, at home in Bellevue, WA, 81. Engineering major at the University of Washington. Worked for the Boeing Corporation for 32 years as a jet propulsion engineer. Survived by his wife, Eleanor "Lee," who he met while attending AMA; daughters, Cynthia Hendrickson, and Debbie Gardner; son Brian, Jr. and six grandchildren. At AMA: 2LT, B Company; Roller Rifles; Honor Roll; fencing team; Tiger football; Decorating Committee.

Alan G. Gossom, `56
11 January 2011, Haymarket, VA. No details. At AMA: MSGT, Color Guard; Roller Rifles; tennis; basketball; football; baseball; Cotillion Club; Final Ball.

John Edward Buchanan, `57
24 February 2015, Springfield, MO, after a long battle with diabetes. Survived by his wife, Carolyn. **Goodloe Saunders'** roommate in 1956-57. At AMA: Captain, C Company; Roller Rifles; Honor Roll; Cotillion Club; football; wrestling; tennis; *Bayonet* staff; Final Ball; Student Body officer; Ad Astra per Aspera.

Ronald B. Reigelman, `61
19 July 2015, Charlotte, NC, after a long illness. Vietnam veteran. No other details. At AMA: MSGT, Staff; basketball; Roller Rifles. Reported by **Byrd Newton, `62**.

David John Bertz, `66
26 September 2015, Hydesville, CA. Survived by his children, Ethan and Lillian Bertz. No other details. At AMA: SGT, Honor Roll; Honor Military Cadet; Honor Roll.

Randolph South, `67
1 June 2015, Midlothian, VA, 67. Attended Virginia Commonwealth University. Retired after a long career in computer and automobile businesses. Avid fisherman. Survived by his wife, Janet and a brother, Dale and his loving dog, Tooties. At AMA: Corporal, B Company; intramurals; fencing; lacrosse.

Leo "Buddy" Ouellette. `67
1 July 2015, Winstead, CT, 68. Northwestern Community College. Basketball referee, cartoonist. Survived by a son, Andrew; a daughter, Lindsay, and two grandchildren. At AMA: football; basketball; baseball; soccer; Honor Roll; Privilege List; Private, E Company; Midnight Raiders vocalist.

Thomas Michael Hennessy, `70
28 July 2015, after a three year battle with cancer, at Community Hospice in Loudonville, NY, 64. Facilities manager for Blue Cross-Blue Shield. World Trade Center survivor on 9/11. Cardinal O'Hara High School Sports Hall of Fame. Had a 35 year career as baseball/softball umpire in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Survived by his wife, Mary; brothers William, Mark and Sean; a sister, Nancy Kramer; a goddaughter, Amy Crawford Bauer, and a godson, Joseph. At AMA: PFC, D Company; Honor Roll; Privilege List; football, All VMSL.

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Dean Preston Lohman, `72
29 January 2014, Virginia Beach. Twin brother of the late **Griff Lohman, `72**, the two of them owned the Virginia Printing Equipment Company for two decades. His father, **Herbert L. Lohman, `47**, and his uncle, **Southgate L. Lohman, Jr., `45**, predeceased him. Survived by his sons, Dean Preston, Jr. and Christian Martin; a grandson, Kayden Preston Lohman; and a sister, Kathleen Sturgis. At AMA: Five year cadet; Captain, B Company; lacrosse; JV football; Honor Guard; Roller Rifles; Honor Roll; Privilege List.

Richard M. McCaffrey, `73
28 October 2015, Washington, DC, heart attack. Reported by **Chris Hart, `73**.

Steven William Hemphill, `75
17 May 2015, heart attack, Maidstone, Kent, United Kingdom. Operated a limousine business in England. Survived by his wife, Ros; a stepson, Jamie; and his mother Jamie Hemphill Knutson of Minneapolis. At AMA: SFC, Band; six year man. Reported by **David Trimble, `60**.

John L. Walker, II, `75
20 June 2015, Chesapeake, VA, 59. Employed by the Dominion Terminal Association. Survived by his wife, Christy; two daughters, Lindsey and Loren; two sisters, Mary Journee and Quill Hodges; three brothers, Lee, **Willis, `71**, and **Thomas, `70**; and many nieces and nephews. At AMA: Seven year man.

Ed Rogerville, `76: Semper Fi is his creed

By Ruth (Mrs. Howard, '68) Rosenthal

Garry Granger calls this person *"a remarkable man with mounds of energy and talent."* In this article, I hope to introduce this talented man to you. He is **Ed Rogerville, `76**, who attended AMA from 1974 until the spring of 1976. He is one of the newest trustees of the AMA Alumni Foundation and has been providing much needed help in identifying ways to preserve AMA's legacy.

Ed only attended AMA for two years finishing high school in his hometown of Amelia Courthouse, Virginia. However, like many others, his two years at Augusta were quite memorable. He started as an 8th grader. If you were at AMA that year, you will remember **Ed Christian**, his name before he was adopted and took his father's last name. In the 9th grade, he became Ed Rogerville. He was in Band Company under Platoon Sergeant **Tony Epperson** and his Company Commander was **Bill Bruder**. His First Sergeant was **Bob Walker** and his Squad Leader **Lester Lawter**. He played soccer for **Colonel Hoover**, ran on the cross country team and was coached in the rifle team by **Sergeant Don Studer**.

After finishing high school, Ed joined the Marine Corps in 1978 with postings at Camp Pendleton, Camp Lejeune and two overseas tours. He spent seven years in the Corps and at the rank of sergeant was medically discharged in 1985 with a service connected disability. He then worked in the field of commercial construction management working his way up to his present position as Senior Project Superintendent and partner with Eilerson Development Corporation. Most recently, his area of specialization has been educational and institutional construction.

During all this time, his sons were involved with 4-H and Ed was the coach for their rifle team. The 4-H Parade Shoots were always on the same weekend as AMA reunions so he never got to a reunion during that time period. He has Don Studer to thank for getting him reengaged with his alma mater and his schoolmates. Ed had received instruction as a rifle coach and attended a week of training in Wakefield, VA in preparation for being certified. The first day he went to training, he saw someone who was vaguely familiar. When self introductions began, Ed recognized his former rifle coach from AMA! During the week of training, he and Don talked about AMA and Don told Ed how much he enjoyed the reunions. That chance meeting brought Ed back to Fort Defiance and one thing led to another.

FELLOW MARINES - Brett Thompson, '75, bestows to Ed Rogerville a Marine Corps medallion which Ed wears with great pride.

Shelby Rogerville with Fishburne Cadet Russell Rogerville.

Ed decided to attend a special meeting of the AMA Alumni Foundation Trustees and the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors. He impressed the incumbents and soon they elected him a trustee. He is now the Chairman of the Merge Committee tasked with looking at the viability of having a joint museum with Fishburne and SMA.

Ed and the other members of the committee have been researching current and former Virginia military prep schools and so far have uncovered some 36 such institutions, past and present, including a Black school that few have heard about. He and Treasurer **Steve Traylor, `72**, of the Fundraising Committee met recently with **Colonel Gary Morrison** of Fishburne regarding the possible merging of the two schools' alumni associations. FMS owns the General Wayne Hotel in Waynesboro next to their campus and AMA is exploring the possibility of moving our museum to that property if other Virginia military school alumni associations are interested and if it would be a feasible thing to do. Ed and other members of his committee also are beginning the process of interviewing alumni from all Virginia military schools to determine the interest in creating a museum showcasing 36 or more Virginia military institutions. Ed and other Foundation Trustees have their work cut out for them. Among Ed's commercial contracting responsibilities, his recent marriage, his work as an NRA handgun instructor and time spent with his kids (including a 16 year old Fishburne cadet), it's a good thing that he apparently has the "mounds of energy" that Garry Granger described. And it is a very good thing that Don Studer ran into Ed at a training class and got him back into the AMA fold!

AT BOARD MEETINGS - Ed joined other AMA folks at the September meeting of both boards on the Fishburne campus. L. to r., Ed, Brett Thompson, '75, Museum Director Crysta Stephenson, Victor Gomez, '69, and Mike Kidd, '72.

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We were delighted to have 41 NEW contributors respond to our plea for funds this past Fall. As we lose more and more of our alumni, we need more of those who are left to step up to the plate.

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Staunton newspaper salutes our friend, Ben Zinkhan, '60

Volunteer is survivor

Ben Zinkhan is a heart attack survivor, a Vietnam veteran and a volunteer at the Augusta Military Academy Museum.

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Heart attacks often make their survivors slow down and take life easier. At the age of 74, slowing down is not an option for Ben Zinkhan, a five-time heart attack survivor, star volunteer and handyman extraordinaire for the Augusta Military Academy Museum.

"I don't know the meaning of the words 'slow down,' " he said.

Zinkhan was born in Baltimore. When he was 5 years old his father was killed in World War II. He moved wit his mother to West Virginia, where he lived with his grandparents. His mother later remarried and the family moved to Highland County, where he finished middle school. He entered Augusta Military Academy in 1957 when he was 15 years old.

"When I was in middle school there was a rule that you couldn't ride a bicycle to school. So I rode my horse. Because of this infraction, I was put on probation. I think my parents decided I was probably going to get into more mischief so they enrolled me in Augusta Military Academy. My tuition was paid because my father had been killed in World War II," he said.

Arriving at Augusta Military Academy (AMA) in 1957, Zinkhan was not all that keen on spending his teenage years in a military environment. By the time he graduated in 1960, he had acquired lifelong friends and memories that would last forever.

"My first year was kind of tough. All first year cadets were referred to as rats and the other students tended make it hard on us. But everyone had to go through it at some point so I just made the best of it. Today I can honestly say that attending AMA was the best thing that ever happened to me," he said.

All the cadets faced a rigorous daily schedule beginning with early morning reveille. After getting dressed the cadets lined up in formation and marched to the mess hall. First year cadets had to eat what was referred to as a "square meal," meaning they had to hold their silverware a certain way and bring the food to their mouth in regulated movements all the while being watched by officers. After returning to their barracks for a short break they again lined up in formation and marched to classes. Six hours of study were followed by drill practice, dinner in the mess hall and a return to barracks for study time from 8-10 p.m. when they were not allowed to leave their rooms. Every Sunday cadets would put on full dress uniform and march to church.

"Teachers would patrol the barracks to ensure everyone was in their room and hitting the books. Of course there were some young men who simply couldn't take the regimen and left in their first year," he said.

After graduating in 1960, Zinkhan attended Dunsmore Business College and Virginia Tech for two years. After college he worked for the highway department for a short time before being drafted into the U.S. Army. He was discharged in 1964. A month later his unit was deployed to Vietnam. Zinkhan returned to his hometown and began looking for work. In February of 1965 he was hired by DuPont, where he worked for 34 ½ years.

Zinkhan was still working at DuPont when a former alumnus of AMA, Frank Williamson, got in touch with him with the idea of getting some former cadets involved in reunions and other activities. When the museum opened in 1999, Zinkhan stepped up to the plate as one of the volunteers.

Ben and Joyce Zinkhan are the most faithful of our Museum volunteers. From the beginning, this loving couple has devoted themselves to seeing that the museum is always pristine and welcoming. Illness has diminished the time that Joyce can give but Ben has picked up the slack. He volunteered at the House for 151 hours in October! Now, to those of you who live within an hour's drive of Fort Defiance, why can't you volunteer for just six hours a month? That would give Ben a day off.

Fun facts:

Family members: Wife, Joyce; son, Tim; three daughters, Krystal, Scherri, Laura; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren
Pets at home: Dog, Molly
Best advice you've been given: Don't make your work everything. Take the time to enjoy your life.
Church you attend: Christ United Methodist
Leisure activities: Bass fishing and church activities
Dream conversation: My father
What quality do you most admire in a person? Honesty
Guilty pleasure: I've been chewing tobacco since I was 7 years old.
Dream vacation: Take a train ride through Canada or Alaska
Pet peeve: The way kids dress today and their general attitude
Dream drive: My old 1958, two-door Chevy hardtop with four on the floor
If you could go back in time and experience life in another era, what would it be? Wild West
Favorite music: Bluegrass
Favorite movies: Westerns with John Wayne
Favorite food: Pasta
What's the first thing you would do if you won the lottery? Pay off all my kids' homes and ensure that my grandchildren got a good education
If you could sit down with President Obama, what would you like to say to him? Take a hike
Favorite place to be: At home or here at the museum
If someone wrote a book about your life, what would the title be? "Can't Stop, Won't Stop"

Zinkhan volunteers over 21 hours a week. He cleans every Sunday to get the museum ready for weekly visitors. The mission of the museum is to preserve the traditions of AMA and to honor the memory of the life and time of its alumni, faculty, staff and supporting families through the permanent and temporary exhibits and diligent conservation of its collection of artifacts, archives and photographs.

In the entryway hall there is a display of memorial plaques with the names of former cadets who lost their lives in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. The academy opened in 1874. Zinkhan is one of the many volunteers that love to share their stories with visitors. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free.

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Charleton interns worked as a team this past summer

The Charleton Interns for this summer were **Kirsten Lambert** and **Josie Hawkins**, both from Bridgewater College. The internships were created by **Helen Charleton** in memory of her late husband **William Curtis Charleton** who graduated from AMA one hundred years ago in 1915.

By Josie Hawkins

As summer came to a close, so did my time at AMA. **Kirsten Lambert** and I were lucky enough to intern at AMA and learn about the school and its history. We hit the ground running and didn't slow down until Kirsten left to return to school in mid-August.

We made it through ten boxes of files by early July and quickly filled all the remaining space in the file cabinets. We were able to multitask and took a break from the files to create the Museum's new FaceBook page and we were able to schedule FaceBook posts through the end of the year.

As we ran out of room in the filing cabinets, we pulled our resources together to create a **Camp Kannata** display. We wanted to show visitors how some cadets spent their summers and highlight what campers did and learned at Kannata.

But Camp Kannata was only the beginning as our creative juices began to flow. Our next display was a recreation of the AMA Final Ball using streamers and a pre-lit arch to set it off perfectly, our young cadet in his mess jacket and his date looking striking in pink. (See photo above) We hope museum guests will enjoy this recreation and may be taken back in time to some of their own formal dances when growing up.

We also had time to create a mini-display before Kirsten left getting our inspiration from the drums hiding beneath a display case. Using our limited resources, we used photos of AMA drummers from the late 1800s until the mid 1900s. We wished that we had more information on the AMA Band, but the drums worked out since we had photos as well as the actual drums.

While looking for pictures to use in the drum display, I made a surprising personal discovery I had not expected. While going through the 1917 *Recall*, I found two familiar names.

The first was a graduate from the Class of 1890, **Martin Alexander Ashby** from Churchville, VA. After a few quick calls to family members I found out that Martin was known by my family as Uncle Sandy. After leaving AMA, he became a Lutheran minister and he had married my grandparents in the 1940s.

The second name was very familiar and I knew who he was immediately. Day Student **Lurty Preston Hawkins** was better known to me as "PawPaw," my great-grandfather, and though I never met him I knew for sure that he was a very exceptional man.

It is not clear whether he graduated from AMA but he did spend at least two years there.

He settled in Parnassus, VA and in 1945 became a member of the "Seagoing Cowboys," a group of men who traveled to Europe and tended to livestock being taken to the countries which had been devastated by the Second World War.

Discovering my family roots at AMA was a definite surprise!

As Kirsten reflected on our time at Augusta this summer, we both agreed that we really enjoyed our experience.

Kirsten says she plans to apply for an internship again next year and as a rising sophomore she has many future intern possibilities. Kirsten was able to use her camera and design skills as we put displays together and recorded photos of the museum and the AMA campus.

For me, this was a great experience and I am grateful for it. I enjoyed meeting alumni like **Ed Click, Ed Rogerville, Luke** and **Anne Snyder** and **Stride Coleman**. Both of us loved hearing stories about their days as AMA cadets.

Crysta, Ben and the alumni were so very helpful when we were putting together displays. They gave us feedback and many welcomed suggestions.

Getting to know Ben was a major perk. Said Kirsten, *"I am so glad that I got to meet Ben. He is a total champ!"* I agree! He is that and more. It was fun working with him, hearing his crazy stories, joining him for breakfast at Armstrong's and meeting his lovely wife, **Joyce**. Anything we ever needed done, Ben never hesitated to help us nor did he ever complain that a task was too big for him.

He constantly told us that he was proud of the work we were doing and that he was going to miss us. Well, the feeling is mutual. We will miss Ben and everyone else we met at AMA. Thank you for all of your stories, Ben, and for an unforgettable summer.

Kirsten Lambert and Josie Hawkins created an exhibit remembering the AMA Final Balls. Museum Executive Director Crysta Stephenson said that the two Bridgewater students *"charged the museum with energy and creativity."*

We thank most sincerely good friends Nancy and John Botcheller, '67, for their generous gift to fund interns over the next year to speed up our museum accreditation efforts. Their aunt, Helen Charleton, the widow of William Curtis Charleton, Class of 1915, has likewise funded college interns to help us in myriad ways. What a tribute to AMA's legacy from these dear friends!

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FAITHFUL FRIENDS - Above, John Botcheller, '67, and Nancy with their dear friend and John's classmate, Mickey Toms. No trio ever loved AMA more than these three. The Botchellers live in Rhode Island while Mickey lives in Colorado. At right, Anne and Luke Snyder, '60, from Charlotte who travel often to Fort Defiance to volunteer at the museum. The Snyders have done so very much for our school and its legacy.

Photo by Victor Gomez, '69